Power savings

†1047. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a target of saving ten thousand megawatt of power during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the scheme being formulated for the same;

(c) the percentage of power being lost in Transmission and Distribution (T&D) at present, and how much megawatt of power is lost due to this every year;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to lessen the T&D losses; and

(e) the scheme formulated by Government to check the theft of power from transmission lines?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 8 new schemes have been formulated to promote power saving, which include-Bachat Lamp Yojana, Standard and Labelling Scheme, Energy Conservation Building Code, Agricultural and Municipal Demand Side Management, Strengthening of Institutional Capacity of State Designated Agencies, Energy Efficiency in Small and Medium Enterprises, Institutional strengthening of Bureau of Energy Efficiency and other energy efficiency institutions and contribution to the State Energy Conservation Fund.

(c) Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were 32.53%, 31.25% and 30.42% respectively. For 2005-06, if the reasonable level of losses is taken as 15%, savings (15.42% of losses) in terms of installed generation capacity would be of the order of 14000 MW.

(d) and (e) The Government has built a national consensus to focus on a time bound programme for reduction of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses. A resolution adopted in the Cheif Ministers' Conference held on 28.5.2007, *inter-alia* include, the commitment of the States for ensuring a resolute elimination of electricity theft. Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) was launched in 2002-03 to provide States for taking up technical, commercial and management measures to reduce the losses. Further Electricity Act, 2003 provides legal framework for making theft of electricity a cognizable offence.

Load shedding in Delhi

1048. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the capital is experiencing rampant load shedding;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken steps to mitigate the plight of consumers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) During the current year (April, 2007 to January, 2008), Delhi faced marginal energy and peak shortage of 0.4% and 1.1% respectively.

Under Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003, it is the duty of a Distribution Licensee to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical distribution system in his area of supply and to supply electricity in accordance with the provisions contained in the Act. According to BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) and BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL), the supply in the licence area of BRPL and BYPL is quite stable, except that some interruptions for short durations are affected due to constraints such as under frequency/ low voltage and low availability of power etc. in the Northern Grid. Load shedding is resorted to during peak hours on the transformer/feeders having losses more than 50% to avoid burning of transformer and other equipments.

According to North Delhi Power Ltd. (NDPL), there is no unscheduled power cut in NDPL area of supply due to inadequacy of distribution network capacity or equipment failure. Load shedding is done only under low frequency regime when there is gap between demand and supply in the Northern Grid and such load shedding is done strictly under specific instructions from DTL/Northern Grid.

Electricity is a concurrent subject under the Constitution. The supply and distribution of electricity in a State/UT is within the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utilities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government by establishing power plants in central sector through CPSUs etc.

Representations of All India Association of SCs/STs/Physically Handicapped

1049. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th September, 2007 and state:

(a) whether a copy of letter dated 30.12.2006 alongwith letters dated 1st October, 2007 and 17th December, 2007 were received in PMO on the issue of "Joining the Main Stream of Government aided project by the SC/ST Associations/NGOs" from the All India Association for SC/STs and Physically Handicapped;

(b) if so, the details of directions issued and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether guidelines are being made on this issue for concerned Ministries/Departments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) A copy of letter dated 17.12.2007 was received in this Ministry through the Prime Minister's Office.

(b) to (d) The Schemes for assisting voluntary organizations working for SCs/STs and relevant guidelines are already in existence. Presently, no need is felt to issue additional/ supplementary guidelines.